

HULMEVILLE MUNICIPAL WATER AUTHORITY
Meeting Minutes
December 16, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Hulmeville Municipal Water Authority meeting was held on the above date at the Borough Hall, 321 Main Street.

Authority Member's Present

Kurt Ludwig, President
Bert Wolfe
Mike Wasson
Joe Nocito

Staff in Attendance

Sheri Wheeler, Water Reader Meter
Dorothy Omietanski, Borough Secretary
Pat Slater, Water and Sewer Clerk

Authority Members Absent: Patricia Taggart

Staff Absent: Mike Whittaker, Licensed Water Operator

Authority Members Late to Arrive: none

Guests in Attendance: Mayor Mahon and David Preston

Call to Order: Mr. Ludwig called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm; all those present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

- Sewer Bill – Mr. Preston came to inquire why his sewer bill is so high. He has 6 commercial units and 2 apartments, and is being charged for each unit. Mr. Preston feels the charges are too high. He pays 8 bills while the Hulmeville Inn only pays one and their usage is most likely a lot higher than his usage. He also complained about the new meter prevents him from checking his usage. Mr. Ludwig explained in detail his billing. He explained that each unit is billed a flat rate for sewer not by number of toilets you have or by how often they are used. He has 8 units so he receives 8 charges.

Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Mr. Wasson to approve the minutes of November 25, 2019; Motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Bills: Mr. Ludwig presented bills to be paid: Carroll Engineering for \$255.56 and \$593.65, Mr. Ludwig for postage \$9.75, BCWSA for 10 meters \$4,174.87, PA Municipal Authority Association Membership \$419.66 and Standard Pipe Service for \$805.00.

Motion made by Mr. Wasson and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to pay the bills; motion passed with all in favor 4-0-0.

Water and Sewer Clerk: no report

Water Meter Reader:

- Meter Replacement – Ms. Wheeler spoke to BCWSA regarding meter replacements. BCWSA has not replaced any meters recently. She did provide them with a new list.
- Issue with New Meters – Ms. Wheeler is still having issues with the readings on the larger meters. She is having to read 4 units manually, and would like to get this issue resolved. She will make an appointment with the meter company to come out and trouble shoot the issue.

Licensed Water Operator: no report

Water Shut Off Policy:

- Shut Off Notices – Mr. Ludwig will wait till 1/1/20 to do any postings of shut offs. He will evaluate the accounts the first of the year and go right to postings.

Correspondence:

- US Department of Agriculture – The US Department of Agriculture is offering low interest loans and or grants for stormwater, water, or sewer projects in communities of less than 10,000 people. Mr. Ludwig passed the information on to the Mayor.

Old Business:

- Video Work – The video work is being performed now, and should be completed by 1/17/20. The company will look for the missing manhole off of McCarthy. If any grouting needs to be done that work will be bid on separately from this work.
- Water Verses Sewer Flow – Mr. Ludwig received bills for September and October for the water and sewer from BCWSA. For the first time in a while the sewer flow is lower than the water. In September the water flow was 1,840 million gallons verses the sewer which was 1,799 million gallons and in October the water flow was 1,840 million gallons and the sewer was 1,799 million gallons.

New Business:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm; motion made by Mr. Wolfe seconded by Mr. Wasson; carried 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Dorothy Omietanski,
Hulmeville Borough Secretary